GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are drawing up specific plans for the promotion of tourism potentiality of Shimla, Solan, Bilaspur and Sirmour districts of Himachal Pradesh at the national and international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of proposals implemented for the development of tourism in Himachal Pradesh and the amount sanctioned/released thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Development and promotion of tourist places is primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments. Government of India Tourist Offices in India and abroad promote India as an attractive tourist destination and provide information on tourist places in the country. Department of Tourism, Govt. of India also provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State Governments every year.

(c) : The details of financial assistance provided to Himachal Pradesh are as under:-

Year	No. Projects Sanctioned	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount
1997-98	5	119.00	65.50
1998-99	10	318.00	174.50
1999-2000	17	691.79	292.88
2000-2001	6	177.80	53.34

(upto 31.1.2001)